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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTAL MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER OF
SRI LANKA

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO
PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE. QUOTE: DEAR MADAME PRIME
MINISTER, YOUR THOUGHTFUL AND HEARTENING MESSAGE OF
AUGUST 9 ON MY ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF
THE UNITED STATES IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. YOU MAY BE
ASSURED THAT ALL THE RESOURCES OF THE AMERICAN GOVERN-
MENT WILL CONTINUE TO BE DIRECTED TOWARD OUR COMMON
GOAL OF A TRUE AND LASTING PEACE FOR ALL MANKIND. I
LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THE VERY FRIENDLY AND
COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP THAT HAS EXISTED BETWEEN OUR
TWO COUNTRIES AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL. WITH BEST WISHES.
SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

2. FYI: TEXT OF AUGUST 9 MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER
BANDARANAIKE TO PRESIDENT IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE: THE
MEMBERS OF MY GOVERNMENT JOIN ME IN EXTENDING TO YOU
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OUR SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES ON YOUR

ASSUMPTION OF THE HIGH OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. I LOOK FORWARD DURING YOUR
TENURE OF OFFICE TO MAINTAIN AND FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE
CLOSE AND CORDIAL RELATIONS WHICH SO HAPPILY EXIST

BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. PLEASE ACCEPT MY PERSONAL
GOOD WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL TENURE OF OFFICE. UNQUOTE.

3. WHITE HOUSE AND DEPARTMENT DO NOT PLAN TO RELEASE
TEXTS OF ABOVE MESSAGE BUT HAVE NO OBJECTION SHOULD
GSL WISH TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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